

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Details of fee rates agreed with suppliers of Independent Foster Care Services.

Please provide the fee rates per tier, if your rates are banded.

Leicester City negotiates fees on a child by child basis and do not have any set amounts or 'bands'. As of 31st July, the highest amount we paid per week to an Independent Fostering Agency was £950 per week for a child with high levels of need and significant behaviour issues. The lowest amount we pay is £542 a week; this is for children with no additional needs who are in settled, permanent IFA placements. The average amounts are between £600 and £750 per week.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Information Governance Manager

Information and Support

Leicester City Council

FREEPOST (LE985/33)

New Walk Centre

LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

e-mail: info-requests@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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